

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Frederick County Agency Updates for December 3, 2020

Frederick, MD - December 3, 2020

Frederick County Health Department:

Confirmed Cases

7,249

Change in Last 24 Hours: +126

Confirmed Deaths

144

Change in Last 24 Hours: +2

7-Day Positivity Rate

8.1%

Please check our dashboard for daily statistics: http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/COVIDstats.

Change in Quarantine Length of Time

This is a *novel* virus, so guidance is still changing as we learn more. Maryland Department of Health made a change today based on CDC's recommendation for the quarantine, or when you've been exposed to someone with COVID-19. Based on this new guidance, quarantine will last:

- <u>7 days if no symptoms AND negative test on or after day 5</u>
- 10 days if no symptoms, no test needed
- If quarantine is ended before 14 days, people must continue to monitor for symptoms and use masks through day 14.



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County Executive:

County Executive Jan Gardner announced the results of the Food Service Grant Program today. Grants to restaurants, caterers, bakeries, food trucks and other food service providers initiated in mid-November awarded over \$2 million in grants. Grants were awarded to more than 200 Frederick County businesses in two tiers. Tier one includes caterers, carry-out restaurants and food trucks. Each eligible business in this group will receive \$4,397. Tier two includes restaurants with seating, wineries, breweries and distilleries. Each successful applicant in this group will receive \$14,748.

Maryland Office of People's Counsel:

<u>Help with Phone and Internet</u>: Lifeline is a federal program that provides discounts for limited income consumers on their telephone and internet services. In Maryland the program is called Tel-Life. Go <u>here</u> to learn more about Lifeline services and how to apply.

<u>Help with Utilities</u>: Energy Advocates Coalition has created a consumer facing infographic to help people understand what steps they should take in order to get help with their utility bills. Click on pictures below to view the full flyers.





For more information:

Frederick County residents can call 866-411-6803 to reach our local 211 center with general questions about coronavirus or COVID19. Accurate COVID-19 information is critical to the community. For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please refer to the following:

- City of Frederick: https://cityoffrederickmd.gov/covid19
- Frederick County Government: www.frederickcountymd.gov/Coronavirus
- Frederick County Health Department: health.frederickcountymd.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health (MDH): <u>coronavirus.maryland.gov</u>
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC): coronavirus.gov

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